Eligibility Criteria to become a Freedom Fighter

7150. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 334 given in the Rajya Sabha on 26th April, 1995 and state:

(a) what are the Movements and the respective years covering the participants as 'freedom fighter';

(b) how many freedom fighters are covered under each of the above Movements;

(c) what kind of certificate(s) an applicant has to produce to qualify as 'freedom fighter'; and

(d) what is the penalty for making a false declaration, either by an applicant or by his/her sponsor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) A statement indicating the names of the movements/mutinies recognised for the purpose of grant of 'freedom fighters' pension from the central revenues is attached *{see* below). No separate movement-wise record about the number of persons who have been sanctioned pension on the basis of participation and suffering in these movements is kept.

(c) To be eligible for 'freedom fighters' pension from the central revenues, an applicant is required to produce the documentary evidence from the jail authorities/courts/other government agencies, which could prove that he/she had to suffer atleast six months imprisonment/ extemment/intemment/abscondence against the executive action in connection with the freedom struggle. Women freedom fighters and persons belonging to SC/ST are eligible for pension if their jail suffering was of three months. Pension is also admissible on grounds of loss of job, permanent incapacitation during firing or lathi charge and confiscation of property because of participation in the freedom struggle. In the event of non-availability of jail records, the applicants have to produce two co-prisoner certificates from prominent freedom fighters who had themselves undergone imprisonment for one year each. If the certifier is a former or sitting legislator, only one co-prisoner certificate is required. Similarly, in the event of nonavailability of court records, the applicants claiming pension on grounds of underground suffering are required to produce a personal knowledge certificate from a prominent freedom fighter who had suffered for atleast two years' imprisonment and whose area of operation was the same as that of the applicant(s). Even though the last date for receipt of applications for pension was 31.3.1982, claims received after that date are also considered provided the same are supported by documentary evidence from official records.

(d) In the event of it being established that any applicant had obtained pension by giving false information, pension is suspended/ cancelled. The certifiers found to be issuing false certificates are warned and black listed for the purpose of issue of co-prisoner certificates or personal knowledge certificates. Statement

1. Suez Canal Army Revolt in 1943 during the Quit India Movement and Ambala Cantt. Army Revolt in 1943.
2. Jhansi Regiment case in Army.
3. Rani of Jhansi Regiment and Azad Hind of I.N.A. (1943-45).
4. Hollwell Monument Removal Movement conducted by Netaji in 1940 at Calcutta.
5. Royal India Navy Mutiny, 1946.
6. Khilafat Movement.
7. Harsha Chinna Morcha. (1946-47).
8. Mopla Rebellion. (1921 -22)
9. Arya Samaj Movement in the erstwhile Hyderabad State (1938-39).
10. Madurai Conspiracy case. (1945-47).
11. Border Camp cases in erstwhile Hyderabad State (1947-48).
12. The Chaddar Movement.
13. The Gurudwara Reform Movement (1920-25) including
    a) Taran Taran Morcha;
    b) Nankana Tragedy of February, (1920);
    c) The Golden Temple Key Affairs (Morcha Chabian Saheb);
    d) Gur Ka Bag Morcha;
    e) Babar Akali Movement;
    (f) Jaito Morcha;
    (g) Bhai Pheru Morcha and (h) The Sikh Conspiracy (Golden Temple) of 1924.
14. Praja Mondal Movements in the erstwhile
    Princely States.

15. *KM* Kisan Movement. (1927).
16. Navjawan Sabha. (1926-31).
17. Quit India Movement (1942).
18. I.N.A. and ILL. (1942 to 1946).
19. Mergar Movements in the former French and Portuguese possessions in India.
20. PehsawarKand in which members of the Garfawal Rifles took part.
21. Red leaf conspiracy cases. (1931).
22. OuunChauriKand.(1922).
23. Aranya Satyagraha of Karnataka. (1939-40).
24. Goa Liberation Movement.
23. Kalipattanam agitation (1941-42).

Flaring of Gaa

71 SI. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some gas is being flared and wasted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor,

(c) the details of oil fields and areas from where such gas is being flared and die respective quantum, during 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(d) how could this situation of flaring up of gas be reconciled with the fact that there is a large waiting list for gas connections; and

(e) whether Government have chalked out any time-bound plan to tackle this situation; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURALGAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Flaring of gas is partly due to technical reasons and partly due to lack of transportation and compression facility, non-lifting by consumers, etc.

(c) The flaring of gas during 1993-94 and 1994-95 was as below:

MMSCMD

Area	1993-94	1994-95
Western Offshore	2.42	2.88
Gujarat	0.70	0.77
KG ft Cauvery Basins	820	0.29
Assam	1.95	1.62
Total:	5.22	5.56

(d) and (e) To minimize flaring. Government has undertaken a major gas flaring reduction programme. Consequently, it is expected that in 1996-97, flaring would be reduced to the minimum technical level.

औरेया गैस क्षेत्र परियोजना

7152. श्री ईश दत्त यादव: क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने औरेया गैस क्षेत्र परियोजना को स्वीकृति दे दी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(घ) इस परियोजना को कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जायेगी?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) सरकार ने 1.10.1992 को 2941.48 करोड़ रुपए की अनुमानित लागत पर उत्तर प्रदेश में औरेया में उत्तर प्रदेश पेट्रोरसायन परिसर की स्थापना का अनुमोदन कर दिया है।

Reservation for sports persons for distributorship of petroleum products

7153. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 8th April, 1994 that reservation of 2 percent to the-outstanding sorts persons has been recently decided by Government for allotment of distributorships/ dealerships of diesel, petrol, LPG and SKO, to promote games and sports in the country;

(b) if so, whether demand for reservation in the case of freecom fighters would be considered on the same line by Government; and

(c) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SA11SH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

* (b) There is already a reservation for Freedom Fighters category to the extent of 3% in the allotment of dealerships/distributorships of petroleum products through the OSBs.

(c) Does not arise.